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	they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.					
	X	they present addi	tional claims without car	ncelling a corresponding r	number of finally rejected claim	ns.
	NOTE: Claim 2: Boutaghou et al. Pat. No. 5808184 discloses a device comprising a trailing edge 16 connecting an ABS					
	14 to a top surface of a slider 12; sensors 18-20 are located on the ABS (Fig. 1 and col. 6. lines					
		6-7). 000000000000000000000000000000000000				
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